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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

1. I, Dirk K. SPRAKEL, am the named inventor of the above-identified U.S. patent application and I declare that:
2. I have reviewed the disclosure of US Patent Number 5,967,239, including the claims. This document was cited by the Examiner in the Official Action dated November 24, 2003, for the above-identified U.S. patent application. According to the Examiner, US '239 anticipates the above-identified U.S. patent application, and the inventive entity of US '239 differs from the above-identified patent application.
3. I am one of the named co-inventors of US '239.
4. The disclosure of US '239 arose from projects that I worked on together with the other named inventor of US '239. I declare that any subject matter which I am claiming in the present

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application and which also appears in US' 239 derives from me and I am the sole inventor of the subject matter being claimed in the present application.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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